

ABSTRACT

The present invention provides pharmaceutical compositions, methods, combinations, and kits for treating a disorder related to elevated serum cholesterol concentration, for example, hypercholesterolemia, atherosclerosis, elevated LDL plasma levels, low HDL plasma levels, 5 hypertriglyceridemia, hyperlipidemia, hypertension, cholesterol gallstones, and lipid storage diseases. The compositions, methods, combinations, and kits of the present invention are pharmaceutical compositions comprising atherapeutically effective amount of a lipid regulating agent, such as a HMG-CoA reductase inhibitor, and compound that inhibits cholesterol synthesis at a point between the formation of acetate and mevalonate. A typical pharmaceutical 10 composition of the invention contains an effective amount of atorvastatin and an effective amount of policosanol.